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Senator Dan Eastman  
Senate Chair, Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel

Representative Steven R. Mascaro  
House Chair, Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel

**Subject: Kinship Care**

Dear Chairs,

The Health and Human Services Interim Committee is interested in better understanding the barriers that prevent more frequent placement of children who are in the custody of the state for abuse or neglect with relatives. We respectfully request that the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel identify those issues and report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee at or before its November interim meeting on any actions the state could take to make kinship care more practical and commonplace.

Sincerely,

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Senator D. Chris Butters  
Senate Chair  
Health and Human Services Interim Committee

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Representative Paul Ray  
House Chair  
Health and Human Services Interim Committee